

BORDEN BRICK SALTBOX HOUSE

AL-V-A-043

Brick Row, Shaft, Maryland
ca. 1850

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Borden Brick Saltbox House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Brick Row

CITY, TOWN

Shaft

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Nellie Shaffer

Telephone #: 689-3890

STREET & NUMBER

Route 1, Box 156

CITY, TOWN

Shaft

☒ VICINITY OFSTATE, zip code
Maryland**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland

Liber #: 407

Folio #: 367

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Borden Brick Saltbox House is located on Brick Row in Shaft, Allegany County.

The Borden House is a one and a half story, four bay wide, saltbox constructed of brick laid in American Common Bond. Several frame additions have been made to the house and at present, the original facade is hardly visible. The main block rests on a low stone foundation. Windows in the building, the majority of which have been replaced, are one over one lights with the exception of two narrow windows found in the gable ends. These windows are single sash with six lights in all. The original entrances are no longer visible in that the hipped roof porch on the main facade has been closed in. Both entrances have been replaced with modern doors. The roof is gabled with visible rafter ends and covered with asphalt roofing material. A single replaced cement block chimney is located at the outside gable end of the house.

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES ca. 1850

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Borden Mining Company was incorporated in 1846¹ and operated the only shaft mine in the George's Creek area.² Like other mining towns in the George's Creek area, the town of Borden Shaft was primarily a company town. That is, the majority of buildings (homes, etc.) were constructed by the company, although miners did have the opportunity to build their own homes if they desired.

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1 Katherine A. Harvey, The Best Dressed Miners, (Ithaca, N.Y., 1969) p.11

2 *ibid* p.221

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MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland
 Harvey, Katherine A., The Best Dressed Miners, Ithaca, N.Y.
 Cornell University Press, 1969

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .41 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson, Joan Baldwin & Steve Beale

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

12/8/76

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-8991

CITY OR TOWN

LaVale,

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO. A1-V-A-043

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DATE: 11/19/76

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

.41 Acres

NAME OF PROPERTY: Borden Brick House

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: _____

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES:

NAME OF OWNER: US 112 Shaffer

689-3890

ADDRESS: Rt. 1 Box 156

Shaff

STORIES: 1() 2(☒) 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3() 4(☒) 5() 6() 7() ()

WINGS, ADDITIONS: 2 frame on west side

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- (☒) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
(☒) BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
() STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
() LOG
() Other: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS _____

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1(☒) 2/2() 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other()
pegged () nailed(☒) wide () narrow () mitred () pediment ()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: replaced

HARDWARE: original() replaced()

FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)

original() replaced() Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze, Architrave

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, MANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, DORMERS #

MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original() replaced(☒)

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip() gable()

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER _____ BRICK() STONE() CORBELLED() original() replaced()

LOCATION: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior ()

ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

Use - Residence

Significance - miner's home

Date Constructed - 1850's

Condition - fair

Borden Brick Saltbox House

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Brick Row - Shaft

Frostburg - MD - PA.

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SECTION VII

FROSTBURG

(Separate Map)

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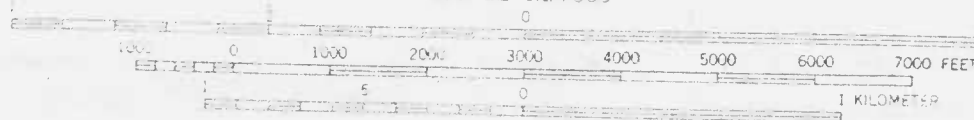
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SCALE 1:24,000



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northwest-